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## Ohio Winter Wheat Production

Ohio farmers continue to anticipate a much improved wheat yield in 2020, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Ohio wheat growers expect yields to be even better than reported last month.

Wheat production in the State is anticipated to be 35 million bushels, up 62 percent from last year; an increase attributable both to an increase in harvested acreage and higher yields.

The yield forecast of 76 bushels per acre is up 20 bushels per acre from last year and up 2 bushels from last month. As of May 31, Ohio wheat was rated 73 percent good to excellent compared to 32 percent at the same time last year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 3 percent from 2019. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.5 bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre. As of May 31, fifty-one percent of the winter wheat acreage in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 13 percentage points lower than at the same time last year. Nationally, 77 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by May 31, four percentage points lower than the 5-year average pace. If realized, the 2020 United States winter wheat yield will be the third highest on record.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2019 - 2020

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Wheat, winter				
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	500	510	31,159	30,775
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	385	460	24,327	24,275
Yield ..... Bushels	56.0	76.0	53.6	52.1
Production ..... 1,000 bu	21,560	34,960	1,304,003	1,265,700

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